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Re:

Comments for CC Docket No. 98-141

Dear Ms. Salas:

As a customer and pursuant to Section 1.419(b) of the Commission's Rules, I would like to submit these comments to convey support of the pending application of SBC Communications Inc. and Ameritech Corporation for transfer of control of licenses and authorizations from Ameritech to SBC.

General Characteristics of AMOCO

AMOCO has major locations within Southwestern Bell and Ameritech territories. Doing business entails working with multiple account teams and tariffs as well as billing formats. Technologies which serve applications in one area could have applications in another yet might not be available under the compatible offerings. Continuity of doing business in different areas of the country should be enhanced through this merger.

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Telecommunications Needs of AMOCO

AMOCO utilizes hundreds of local access trunks and lines in both territories as well as ISDN BRI and Frame Relay Services. Point to point private line services and Network Reconfiguration Services provide private network support capabilities to remote users in many areas within Southwestern Bell and Ameritech. Bills are processed both within the local service areas as well as by headquarters and corporate administrative entities, which are responsible for payment for services. RFPs may be issued for services in multiple service areas where Service Marks and technical specifications used by different companies may vary and additional negotiation or clarification may be involved in order to assure that an apples to apples comparison is valid. Service quality could be impaired through having to settle for the lowest common denominator in order to insure compatibility and/or functionality.

Benefits of the SBC/Ameritech Merger to AMOCO

Through the growth of businesses from local to national through expansion and aliances it should be beneficial to have the option of reducing the number of vendors/partners required to formulate and implement telecommunications and data solutions company wide.

Conclusion

For reasons enumerated above the pending merger has the potential to benefit AMOCO through increased competition and greater latitude in who we choose to do business with and where.

Respectfully submitted,

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